



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public review and comment on the following items. We appreciate and value your involvement in this process.

Archery Technology Policy

In response to continued archery technology developments, the Fish and Wildlife Commission is seeking comment on a proposed commission policy and archery equipment evaluation tool to strengthen the review of technology proposals within the established season setting process.

Avista Cooperative Management Area Biennial Rule (Region 1)

FWP proposes a renewal to the biennial rule on the Cooperative Management Area on Avista Corporation property in Sanders County along the Clark Fork River near Thompson Falls. The rules would provide for managed public access for camping, fishing, hunting, boating and other outdoor activities during parts of the year that fall outside of the general fall hunting season.

Grassland Conservation Leases

FWP proposes to offer 30-year conservation leases to willing, eligible landowners who agree to protect native grassland, sagebrush, and wetlands. In exchange for a one-time payment of \$15/acre, landowners would agree for the 30-year contract period to not to convert enrolled habitats to cropland agriculture, drain natural wetlands, or apply herbicides that are detrimental to native plants. Under the lease, other traditional land uses, such as grazing, would be encouraged.

MAKE A COMMENT!

For further clarification or to request additional materials, contact the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612 or fwpwld@mt.gov. Comments will be accepted online through our survey page links below, by mail to the address above, and by email to fwpwld@mt.gov.

✓ **Archery Technology Policy**

Deadline for public comment: Monday, November 14th, 2016 at 5 pm

Final adoption: December Commission meeting

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/publicComments/2016/archeryTechnologyPolicy.html>

✓ **Avista Cooperative Management Area Biennial Rule (Region 1)**

Deadline for public comment: Friday, November 11th, 2016 at 5 pm

Final adoption: December Commission meeting

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/publicComments/2016/avistaCoopMgmtBiennialRule.html>

✓ **Grassland Conservation Leases**

Deadline for public comment: Monday, November 14th, 2016 at 5 pm

Final adoption: December Commission meeting

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/publicComments/2016/grasslandConservationEasements.html>

Thank you for your participation!